

Dreams are like stars...you may never touch them, but if you follow them they will lead you to your destiny”



I dreamt of this holiday for many months.

He is with us to make our family complete



‘Siddhi Vinakaya’ and ‘Sarva Siddhi
Pradaayaka –Anegudde –Maha ganapathi

In the Sanctum , Ganesha looked magnificent .
The Ganesh aarthi scene was amazing.

This is one of the 7 mukthi sthalas of karnataka
state.

With his blessings we proceeded to Kollur.

On An Auspicious day at Kateel



Kateel

Durga parameswari temple was surrounded by water

Temple town Kateel abode of Goddess Durga Parameshawari located on the bank of river Nandini

Waters around the temple , fascinating greenery , picturesque location,

Made this trip memorable.

Let Goddess Durga Bless us

Discipline and Love Personified



Blessed moments with Guruji



- Guruji kept so many sweets and savories

As well as Upma and curry. He also served some nice jeera Drink. He served food with his hands with great love and affection.

I questioned myself ? Did I ever do it to any body?

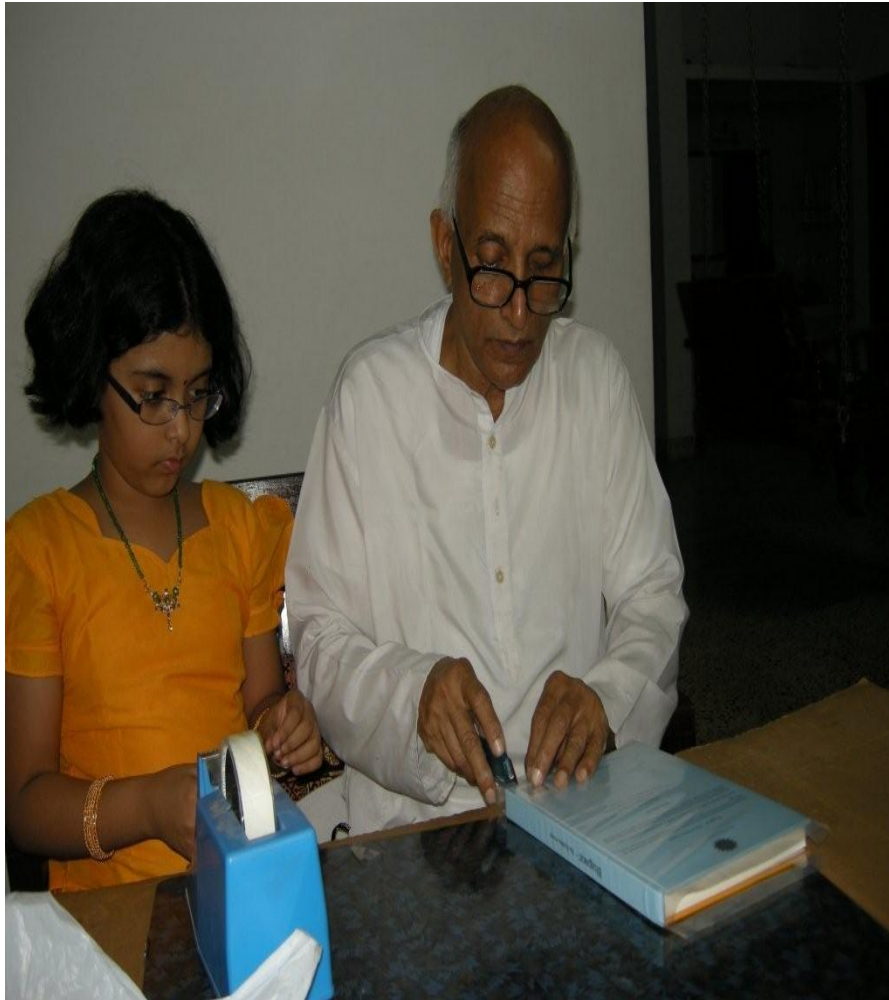
Remembered Raoji's lecture

Keep the straightforwardness to yourself and spread the love.

Guruji serving food



Sraddha is most beautiful



- And Most powerful virtue.
- Guruji never sat idle even for a moment. He works constantly , pays attention to all and he is 100% alert.

Evening aarthi with Guruji



- Guruji played Harmonium when chinmun was singing bhajans.
- His blessings are all with us.

The day we talk with, share with and smile with nature , life would start to change.



- Guruji took us to his garden that was very big.
- It was the time all trees were drinking last ounce of sunlight in the late evening.
- What a joy to see the plants growing and blooming.
- If you can hear every leaf tells you It's experiences as they are silent witnesses.

Moments with Guruji

- You can see him closing the doors carefully after introducing us to each room



It was hardly one month he got discharged from Hospital.

Through out our stay only one person was full of ears to others talk, full of attention to our needs, his hands ere working nonstop and he was serving us with great devotion

Kollur –Mookambika

Inspiration to Adisankara to write the great Soundara lahari.

Mother –you are Lakshmi , saraswathi and you are parvathi.



- River Sowparnika flows near the temple
The idol of the goddess was installed by Adi Shankaracharya.
- Many yogis , Rishis and great souls like Adisankara lived here in this HOLY soil.
- Mother is Abhaya, varada dayani
- Kollur is one of the seven 'Mukti Sthalams in Karnataka
- Strict dress code is observed here.

Agumbe



- A small village at feet of Agumbe ghats
- 30 km ghats but steep hairpin bends and narrow roads,
- Agumbe,
- Have you seen Adisankara walking along many centuries back.

How did he walk through this dense forest.

Agumbe,,did you shower flowers at him to protect the young masters tender feet.

Mighty Western Ghats



The huge mountain ranges like a great wall separating the Deccan Plateau from the sea.

Rich in Rain fall,
Green and serene
Mighty and Mahan

Ghats are like Rishis engrossed in Tapas.

Srengeri mutt –an auspicious place sri sankara
found



Srengeri mutt- at heart of Agumbe ghats .

Tunga waters steal away the hearts .



- Pepper plants hiding under the palm leaves winding around their stems, dancing subtly, while wild flowers and plants welcomes you with silent songs heard to only ,those hearts that can hear.
- A discipline and serenity admixed with devotion. takes you to a different world.
- Pada pooja was a unique experience can not be told by words

Tunga River-Srengeri



- Tunga waters were smiling at the fish dancing in the waters.
- Quietly flowing ,constantly worshipping.
- it was the time When evening sun rays were weaving a silver veil on its waves and when sun wanted to hide himself to rest in the lap of sahyadri , trees turning dark and welcoming the birds home.
- Tunga River, you are blessed, Srengeri land you are blessed. You could touch Acharya's feet. You have centuries stories hidden in our hearts. Please accept my pranams.

Vidya sankara Temple-Srengeri



- A picturesque town
- Srengeri Pradesam.
- Tunga teeram
- Sahyadri pada peetam
- Adisankarudi Advaitam
- Prakriti padina madhura geetam
- Vidyaswaruni sannidhanam

Tunga River with its glorious fish



- These Chubby dark, dancing fish playing in the waters of Tunga river at the feet of Sri Saradamaba is a major attraction .

- They are fed by pilgrims

Fish playing in Tunga waters & Tunga waters playing with sunshine

Sun Playing with Sahyadri Hills

But hills were sitting quiet with Meditation.

Sri Saradamba temple – Srengeri



The Goddess is seated on Sri Chakra Peetam holding a Japa Mala in Her upper right hand with a parrot perched on top of the hand .

The Goddess ws installed by Adisankara

Lets Pray Saradamba to give us Vidya
And remove our Avidya
There is no other Avidya than MIND
Everything is created in the Mind
Viveka choodamani.

Sunset – sringeri mutt



- Time When the Sun gliding down the western ghats and the dense forest adjusts its dark veil to look forward to his arrival next day—
- Sky slowly turns in to a starry blanket
- Moon starts to smile endlessly playing all through the night.

Srengeri to horanadu



- I consoled my self ,and my wet eyes and tormenting heart while leaving srengeri.
- The mind that created a bondage there slowly started to drift to Horanadu
- Kudremukh ghats and forests gave us a clear way under clear blue sky ,absorbing all the darkness and gloom.
- The thoughts of kalasa and hornadu healed my wounded soul. . Carefully carried Saradadevi and her graceful smiles I my heart.
- winding roads and ghats took us to an amazing place

Kalasa. Sri Kalaseswar and sri sarvangasundari amavaru



- We visited Kalasa on the way to Horanadu from Kudremukh
- A beautiful temple complex .
- Horanadu is 7 km away from kalasa
- This placed is linked to The sage agastya in Puranas.
- **Girija Kalyana** : is celebrated very elaborately in Kalasa owing to the Mythology that Sage Vashista wanted to watch the wedding of Lord Shiva and Parvathi.

Horanadu –Mother Annapoorna



This is the place one can feel that they need nothing in life except her grace.

She is the sustainer of life She gave us a sumptuous meal including pulihora and payasam

Blessed are those eyes who witnessed her beauty which is unparalleled.

Horanadu – a unique experience



Mother Nature was in her rich green sari , studded with colorful flowers . winding roads and (tree tops playing hide and seek with gliding clouds.) dense vegetation of kudremukh national park gave us a path to reach there.

The tree stems were drunken with darkness while the branches on the tops were glimmering and smiling with sun shines.

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My heart started making music when we were nearing the golden mother

Perception means how we see and feel the outside from inside



- I had a very unique perception about Horanadu
- The Golden mother Sri Annapoorna situated in the heart of a forest between kudrimukh and charmadi ghats (western ghats)
- Everything changed the moment we entered the place
- The heart was overwhelmed with joy
- We were full of energy and smiles.
- We could not take our eyes off from her
- Heart tormented with deep pain of separation to leave the temple.
- Her beauty is unmatched
- Her kindness is un limited

Every leaf speaks, Every flower sings .
Winds and clouds whisper to the sky and you can hear them all if our
heart have ears



The blend of colours ,
Some mist and some golden dust of Sun,
Some silver moon light flowing in to
the heart of the forest,
The whispering winds and winding ghats
roads,
Morning sun gently kissing the tender
leaves and newborn flowers
A Soft caterpillar sleeps in the shade of a
tender leaf,
A tiny gross hopper dances for the divine.
What is in your heart? Oho charmadighat?
Want to sit with you. Let me listen to your
stories.

Charmadi ghats

From Horanadu to Dharmasthala



Why Lord Duttatreya chooses to take his afternoon nap in western ghats(sahyadri hills)

May be the blue sky and beautiful clouds here are blessed to watch his blue eyes resting.

The creepers in the forest try to imitate his locks of hair that gently touches his shoulders.

What is this constant communion of hilltops with the skies.

Are they mystic sages sitting in deep meditation?

Amazing Ghats



- The charmadi ghats are most beautiful with various hues of green , they communicates with clouds and whispering to winds ,but contemplates in deep meditation most of the times
- Close your eyes, capture the moments. Drink the beauty , lock it in your heart.
- Bring it out when you are alone. And not alone.Walk with it, talk with it and melt with it.

Dhamasthala – Sri Manjunatha

Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings where the dawn is still dark –Tagore.



- It was his invitation for us and his grace on us to visit this divine place.
- It was night when we saw him the sanctum.
- He was glowing . The rows of beautiful lamps were fading in front of him.
- A mystic attraction surrounded the temple.
- A great serenity embracing the entire place.
- Still mysterious to me how we went and how we had a darshan of him , walking on a red carpet
- My silent loving wish to see him , was granted by him.

Dharmasthala



- The thought of Manjunatha itself fulfills all your wishes.
- He knows what you need.
- Dharmasthala is a place where you experience a state of fulfillment

GOMATESWAR

Ahimso Paramo dharmaha

Sarve Jeeva Sukhino bhaantu
LOKA samasta sukhino bhavantu



Dharmasthala



- Dharmasthala is full of lush greenery.
- Many places for accommodating pilgrims were built.
- Everyday thousands of pilgrims were fed by the temple.
- Temple has a museum worth visiting.
- The dark sky, glowing Manjunatha
- the temple compound, the bells and the drums...still in front of my eyes.
- These memories says that holidays never end The remain fresh and green

Sri Ram Durbar



- A Brilliantly constructed new temple on the way from dharmasthala to Udipi.
- Its difficult for anybody to leave the place.
- We too felt it.
- Mind creates the world, Bondage and Detachment .(VCM) Blessed are those who are constantly attached to Lord Ram.

Hanuman- says



- The huge Hanuman Statue is situated near Annapoorna temple on the way from Dharmasthala to Udupi

He crossed the ocean met great creatures including crocodiles(rakshasas) and destroyed them.

One who tries to cross ocean meets the great crocodile of desire and must kill that by the sword of non attachment - Viveka choodamani

Krishna kalusukudam

Krishna , we will meet again and again



- Krishna , we met in Guruvayur last Jan08
- This time we met in Udupi .
- How beautiful you are Krishna, wearing diamonds ,,looking through the window.
- What a cute one you are? You rule this world.
- I know your eyes are fixed on your devotees.
- Why can't our minds be fixed on you?
- We remembered Prabhakaji, the story of Kanakadas narrated by him.

A Misty and cold morning at Tirumala hills



Home welcomed with all its tender heart



- Home sweet home.
- You are my inspiration
- You are my Solace
- You brought me up
- You taught me about life
- You were made of love and dreams
- You gave me understanding support
- What is more pleasant than home coming.

Mother Godavari



- Godavari,
- We are born on your banks , We belong to you.
- We played in your sands.
- We listened to all your glories. You witnessed kingdoms ,great evolution took place and great culture and heritage developed with you.
- You send winds that I take a breath of freedom and energy.
- Your waters, the Banyan trees by your banks, the boats and the temples along the Ghats, and coconut trees at your feet ,you make our lives complete.
- Godavari ma you are there in every life that is full of energy and enthusiasm and the heart that is full of love

Rajahmundry-River Godavari



Sacred Godavari waters bathe this soil.

The beauty of kona seema is unmatched

Pancharamas (the five sacred temples of Lord siva) are here around.

Bhadradi Ramadas songs are sung by every tiny wave of mother godavari.

Adikavi NANNAYYA originated here.

Mahabharatha in Telugu was translated here.

Many kingdoms ruled this place.

The legend of Sarangadhara and Chitrangi is connected to this place.

Godavari sings the glory of Telugu samskriti .

Enni kathalo amma godavari neeto .

My Inspiration



- I have woven some dreams in my sleep
- He mirrored them , reflected them and made them come true.
- We may be different but we are lovingly dependent
- Our story is nearly 11 years old . A book filled with marvelous literature and a song that stays ever green.
- Its something that strengthened with movement from moment to moment.
- I continue to believe that Ganesh introduced Ramesh to me
- Thank you my good friends for everything.